(b) whether there is any likelihood of exodus of refugees from Tibet to India in the wake of declaration of Martial Law there by China and whether India would provide sanctuaries to those refugees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government are aware of reports of widespread demonstrations and disturbances in Lhasa. There have been reports of the loss of several lives and the declaration of martial law in Lhasa.

(b) No exodus of refugees from Tibet into India has been noticed recently. Government's approach towards refugees continues to be based on well-established traditions and principles.

Hurdles in boosting the Tourist Traffic

3340. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state what are the hurdles coming in the way of boosting tourist traffic in our country, when the countries like Maldives, Singapore, Hongkong and China are going well ahead and what steps are being taken to overcome them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): There has been an appreciable increase in tourist arrivals in India during the Seventh Five Year Plan, showing an increase of 10.4 per cent against the target of 7 per cent. Additionally, the average stay of a foreign tourist in India is 30 days as against 3—5 days in Maldives, Singapore, Hong Kong, etc.

The main limiting factor in achieving higher growth rate is constraint of resources resulting in inadequate infrastructural facilities, insufficient airline capacity, shortage of tourist accommodation, etc. To promote tourism to India, Government is taking several steps which include diversification of Indian tourism from cultural-oriented tourism to holiday and leisure tourism, development of facilities for trekking, winter and water sports, wildlife, beach tourism, etc. In addition, Government has recently granted a number of fiscal and financial incentives to attract private sector investment in tourism so as to strengthen tourism infrastructure in the country.

House Building Advance to Railway Employees

3341. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway authorities take more than two years to sanction house building advance to their employees particularly those working at railway stations and in the regional offices in Western Railway; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to evolve such a method whereby railway employees are saved from undue delays in sanctioning house building advance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. House Building Advance is generally sanctioned to Railway employees with in a period of one to two months subject to availability of funds and submission of proper requisite documents.

(b) Does not arise.

Imposition of penalty on Nepalese Companies for over-loading of Coal Wagons

3342. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from three Nepalese Companies namely Ankita

Enterprises, Hanuman Prasad Bishwanath Traders and Bimal Enterprises, Kathmandu, regarding imposing of penalty on them for over-loading of wagons carrying coal to Nepal; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Penal charges were recovered on some wagons that were found overloaded as per rules. Request for the grant of refund was received after six months from the date of booking and thus became timebarred. However, on further examination it was found that penal charges had been levied correctly and there is no case for refund.

Opening of Primary Schools in Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh

3343. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of primary schools opened in the rural areas in Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh under the Operation Black Board, during the last financial year;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open primary schools in some villages, including the Village Kalpa, Dhanpur in the said district;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) Operation Blackboard is a scheme for upgradation of existing primary schools. Assistance is not provided under it for opening new primary schools, which matter is left to the State Government. Therefore, no such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry.

भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण में तदर्थ कर्मचारियों का नियमित किया जाना

3344. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार:** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री 26 अगस्त, 1987 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 3704 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण में तदर्थ आधार पर नियुक्त किये गये कुछ अवर श्रेणी लिपिकों और चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों को हाल ही में नियमित कर दिया गया है ; और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि तदर्थ आधार पर नियुक्त किये गये कर्मचारियों को नियमित करने के लिये, निरन्तर मांग की जा रही है, यदि हां तो वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है और तदर्थ आधार पर नियुक्त किये गये शेष कर्मचारियों को कब तक नियमित किये जाने की संभावना है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में युवा कार्य और खेल तथा महिला और बाल विकास विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट अल्वा): (क) जी हां। अब तक 36 अवर श्रेणीलिपिक तथा 121 ग्रुप IV के कर्मचारी नियमित किये गये हैं।

(ख) जी हां, जब कभी भी नियमित स्थान उपलब्ध होंगे या और पद सृजित हो जायेंगे, तो शेष स्टाफ़ को नियमित किया जायेगा।